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¶1. (SBU) We delivered reftel demarche on April 21 jointly with Dutch and Russian embassy representatives to MFA Nonproliferation and Disarmament Section Head Mustafa Yurdakul. Yurkdakul noted Turkey's support for the goals and principles of the Global Initiative and pointed to Turkey's role as host of the second plenary meeting in 2007 as an indication of Turkey's commitment to contribute to the effort to prevent nuclear terrorism. He, however, reiterated the GOT's disappointment that the understanding reached at the first GICNT plenary concerning a consensus-based approach to inviting new members had been breached. As a result, Yurdakul explained, the GOT is no longer inclined to participate in the initiative at a senior level. He said the MFA will ask working-level representatives from the Turkish embassy in The Hague to represent the GOT at the plenary.

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